

# Ecosystem Roundtable

## Informational Staff Report

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**Topic:** Contract Amendment Subcommittee of Roundtable Meeting

**Background:** On March 30, 2000, the contract amendment subcommittee of the Ecosystem Roundtable and the CALFED agency liaisons met in a public meeting to discuss proposed contract amendments. The details of the proposed project amendments are included in the attached memorandum to the Ecosystem Roundtable Project Amendment Subcommittee.

**Status:** The two Level 1 project amendments have been reviewed by the appropriate contracting agency staff, which after consultation with CALFED staff, were found reasonable and they were approved. They are presented here for information.

The following Level 2 and 3 project amendments were reviewed by the Amendment Subcommittee and Agency Liaisons. One project, *Assessment of Ecological and Human Health Impacts of Mercury in the Bay-Delta Watershed*, was requested to return to the next meeting of the amendment subcommittee to provide guidance on what scope changes the project manager would recommend if the request for additional budget was declined.

Project and Proponent	Change Requested			Reason for Amendment	Liaison Action
	Budget	Scope	Time		
Acquisition and Restoration of Refuge Lands (SJR NWR) (97-B04) US Fish and Wildlife Service	None	None	12 months (to March 2001)	Delays in easement negotiations.	Recommended for approval.
Sacramento River Acquisition and Riparian Forest Restoration (97-N03) The Nature Conservancy	None	Increase restoration of 97-N04 property	None	Restoration cost less than anticipated. Savings can be applied to restoring another property.	Recommended for approval.

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Riparian Corridor Acquisition and Restoration Assessment (99-B12) Bureau of Land Management	None	Reduce scope	None	Changes based on easement negotiations.	Recommended for approval.
Twitchell Island Subsidence Reversal Demonstration (98-C01) Dept. of Water Resources	None	None	12 months (to Dec 2003)	Delays in subcontracts negotiation and approval and six-month delay in approval of receivable authority.	Recommended for approval.
Saeltzer Dam Fish Passage (97-M05) Townsend Flat Water Ditch Company	\$100,000	Redirect money for replacement dam design to permanent diversion removal	None	Townsend Flat and the Bureau of Reclamation have agreed in principle to remove diversion. This funding would go to implementing that agreement.	Recommended for approval.
Franks Tract Restoration (97-N12) Moffat and Nichol Engineers, DPR, DWR	\$75,186	Increase environmental documentation & engineering services	None	In response to a CALFED-requested public meeting, raise finished crest elevation of one or two of the islands to provide recreational uses	Recommended for approval.
Assessment of Ecological and Human Health Impacts of Mercury in the Bay-Delta Watershed (99-B06) San Jose State University Foundation	\$1.467 million	Increase scope	None	Requested changes are based on recommendations from an external expert Scientific Review Committee	Tabled pending additional information.

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